

### Highly Successful Alliance Work in Edgecombe and Wilson Counties.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

Taking up the work in Edgecombe from my last report, I beg to say on Monday, the 28th of September, I met a number of farmers at Whitaker, and succeeded in getting a Sub Alliance there to be proud of, especially in point of quality. Bro. T. B. Parker joined me again here.

We went from here to Dr. R. H. Speight's, who, by the way, is one of the most beloved and up-to-date physicians in the county. The Doctor has an ideal home. His mansion house, barns and out houses, his cattle, his lands, his abundant crops, his cheerful and cultured family, and all his surroundings indicate peace, happiness and prosperity. We enjoyed our stop over here immensely.

From here we went to Leggetts, Laurences, Coakleys, Cocoa, Sparta, Otters Creek, St. Lewis, Temperance Hall, Conetoe, and Battleboro, and at all these places we succeeded in organizing good strong Sub Alliances, and on Tuesday, the 13th inst., we met a great number of great men in a great court house in one of the best counties of the Old North State, and Brother Parker made a great speech, and Edgecombe took her place in the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance. These are the officers: Dr. R. H. Speight, President; E. L. Daughtridge, Vice-President; R. G. Hart, Secretary and Treasurer; W. G. Turner, Chaplain; Jno. A. David, Lecturer; W. A. Thigpen, Steward; Jno. L. Chery, Doorkeeper; W. G. Clark, Assistant Doorkeeper; R. G. Hart, Business Agent. Executive Committee: Dr. M. B. Pitt, chairman; L. B. Knight and Jno. A. Davis. These are among the best and most progressive farmers in Edgecombe County—or any other county, for that matter. These good people have a warm place in my heart. B. B. Howell, Lewis Knight, Sam Lawrence, and his son Jim, Dr. Pitt, J. I. Lewis, J. A. Davis, are especially entitled to our thanks; and then the ladies of these good homes and at Dr. Mercer's, we feel especially kindly toward them. Our success was largely due to their help. May the Alliance prove a great blessing to them. J. A. Davis was our right-hand man. He furnished a good horse and buggy and went himself every day for ten days, and our success all over the southern part of the county was due to his zeal and efficient work. Mrs. Davis and Miss Lucy were especially kind to us, and we much enjoyed our stay here. Let me say to all these good people of Edgecombe, you have my love and best wishes.

Wednesday, the 14th, Bro. T. B. Parker and I went over into Wilson County, to Pleasant Grove. Here we met a large concourse of people—something near a thousand, or more. This was Wilson County Alliance and a Sunday-school picnic combined. Just at 11 o'clock a. m., Mr. E. J. High, in a most appropriate speech, introduced Bro. T. B. Par-

ker, who kept that great crowd just spell-bound for one hour. You ought to have heard him. Well, he just spread his calico, and it was nearly a yard wide. When he got done they all said, Hurrah for Parker and the Farmers' Alliance. So say I.

At 12 o'clock the State Lecturer was introduced, and in his own peculiar way, made a few scattering remarks, and the speaking closed, and this great crowd of men and women and boys and girls were invited to the grove—and such a dinner! It was an old-time basket one, served in eastern style, a little ahead of anything ever yet seen by this writer; and so I say, hurrah for Wilson county people!

Our purpose is to stay here a few days and strengthen the work, and then go to the mountain home and rest under the shade a few days, and on the 7th day of November, 1903, meet another great gathering of Martin County people in Robersonville, and before I leave Martin County I shall expect to be able to make the same good report of our work there.

Very sincerely,

H. M. CATES.

### Public Program of Rural Science Club for Fair Week.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Rural Science Club of the A. & M. College will have a public meeting in Pullen Hall at the College on Thursday night, October 22, 1903. The subjects discussed by the agricultural students will be such as should interest all practical farmers, and all farmers and others interested in subjects of this nature are cordially invited to be present. The program will be as follows:

1. Economical Feeding of Cattle, by J. C. Beavers, '06.
2. Corn Fodder: Handling It So As to Obtain the Greatest Feeding Value, by R. J. Avery, '05.
3. The Growing of Leguminous Crops, by S. S. Mauney, '06.
4. The Clark System of Grass Growing, by R. W. Scott, Jr., '05.

Query for debate:

Resolved, That in North Carolina beef raising is a more satisfactory and profitable business than dairying.

Affirmative.—R. H. Squires, '05; Wm. Kerr, '04.

Negative.—W. W. Finley, '04; J. O. Morgan, '05.

WM. KERR,

Chairman of Program Com.

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### Nash County Alliance.

In his letter in another column, Lecturer Cates has reported the work of himself and Secretary Parker up to the Wilson County meeting. From that place Brother Parker went to Elm Grove in Nash County, that being the occasion of the county meeting in Nash. He reports the brethren there very much elated over the prospects for a large increase in the membership of the Alliance. Four subs have been reorganized since the last county meeting and steps were taken to reorganize others.

"If all the counties in the State would go to work systematically as these eastern counties have done, and are going to do," says Brother Parker, "the Alliance would soon be a mighty force in encouraging and strengthening the farmers of the State. Let us all work together with this end in view, so that at the next State meeting there will be twice as many counties represented as were at the last State meeting."

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